THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1888.

The New Township Govern-

Only a detailed study of the act Company objected to the penalty clause passed last winter can develop its completeness. It was drawn up with a failure to have the lamps burning on care several years ago by an eminent nights that it is really necessary they lawyer and modeled upon the plan of should be in operation. The Company the best municipal laws. The method in this matter, making no allowance for people and the appropriation of morey, an accident liable to happen at any tine. Where population is dense and the pursued. It is of course impossible them to their obligation to the public. that all the voters of a township can be accommodated in a public building to the Company. to nominate a ticket and make appropriations. Nearly 1,600 vetes were cast at the last election. There is no hall large enough for a primary meeting at which all can gather, and if for the transaction of business.

For years the making of appropriations and the nomination of officers has been gradually drifting into the

The same reasons which have led to the establishment of three polling places when formerly there was but one, require the division of the township into wards, where the opinions and wants of each section can find expression in the nomination of offi-

Should the law be adopted there will with one to be elected at large will costly plumes on top. make nine councilmen in all. The question to be decided is whether these nine men representing all sections of the township are not more competent to make appropriations than two hundred men gathered at random, mostly from the centre of the town. The nomination and election of councilmen will also be made by never had a ride in a hack, whose finthe voters in each ward, not by a general primary acting for them:

tained in the law. Police powers are in her dead hands, lots of carriages given to the council. These give following her hearse, and a costly Plain and Fancy China Silks, Piano and authority to prevent vagrancy, to license venders, to pass ordinances for the proper clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks in winter and for other purposes.

Authority is also given to open streets, lay-flag walks, pave streets and build sewers. The appointment of the overseer of the poor is also placed in the hands of the council. These are large powers, requiring discretion in their use. Their proper exercise will depend upon the character of the

men to be elected as councilmen. It will be seen that the law provides for a new method of election, and an addition to the powers of councilmen, such as will suffice for many years to come. These will be needed more and more as the town grows in population. It is wise to provide for the future at

The New Township Law. The proposed change in the method of township government, a question on which a special election has been asked for by a number of taxpayers, came up for discussion in the Town Committee meeting on Wednesday night. Mr. Farrand, who was Diseases of the Nasal Passages, not present the night the petition was presented, took up the document and after scanning it over doubted its legality, as there were names on it representing men who did not pay any taxes. This reflection on the character of the men who obtained the signatures did not essen its importance in the estimation of the other members of the committee. week. The law only requires fifty signatures and as the petition contained over one hundred and thirty, the possibility that a few might not be taxyayers was not construed by Mr. Farrand's colleagues as an attempt to impose a fraud on theur. Mr Farrand deprecated the absence of prom inent men in the town from the petition and enumerated several. In view of the fact that the law makes no distinction in the social and financial standing of resident freel olders, this second objection of Mr. Farrand's met with no more serious consideration than the first. The committee were not disposed to p'geon-hole the matter. A discussion of its practical workings was entered into with much earnestness. The fown Counsel, who was present and who appeared to have given the matter considerable attention, was ptied with buestions. That the proposed system possessed superior advantages over the present was conceded. The introduction of an ordinance was in order Mr. Cook was willing to offer the resolu tion but as his colleague, Mr. Farrand, would oppose it, he deferred the matter It was then decided to request the Town Counsel to prepare a digest of the law and bring it before a special meeting of the committee, to be called on Friday

evening the 14th last. The suggestion has been made that a public meeting of the citizens be called for the purpose of discussing the proposed change in the method of township goverament. It is proposed to have some one tolerably familiar with the new law address the meeting and subject himself. to interrogation from the audience. The members of the Town Committee are frequently approached by persons desirous of gaining information on the matter.

Township Mattars

The Township Committee held their regular meeting on Wednesday night. Messrs. Oakes, Cook and Farrand were the only members present. Copies of the contract with the Montclair Gas and Water Company were returned by the officials of the company unsigned. The of the contract which provides for the imposing of a fine of twenty-five dollars for alleges that the contract is too arbitrary

adopted for the representation of the unavoidable causes, such as the breaking of a lamp post, the bursting of a pipe, or is that in vogue in the larger cities. The Committee considered the objection of the Company a good and sufficient one. For MEN The contract was referred to the Counsel interests of different sections diverse, to substitute words that would meet the such methods must of necessity be objections of the Company and still hold The alteration was made and the Clerk instructed to return the contract altered A petition for gas lamps was presented

from residents in the vicinity of Chestnut Hill Station of the N. Y. & G. L. R. R/ The petitioners urge the matter as one demanding immediate attention. The locality is a very dark one at night, owing there were, the number is too large to the surrounding trees. Passengers from the night trains are compelled to grope their way in the darkness, and if strangers are in danger of stumbling over some obstruction or falling down an embankment. The petition was taken charge hands of the few to the exclusion of of by the Gas Committee to be p'aced on file. The appropriation for the present year being exhausted, no further extension of the gas system can be made. Poor, Fire and Police bills were paid.

> Away with such Nonsense! They had this poor woman in a

fifty dollar coffin. The beautiful bunch of white roses in the one hand that was exposed did not conceal the It is at least probable that appro- marks of toil on her fingers, the calpriations will be as wisely made by a loused places, the distended joints and the rough skin. Her iron-gray body of representative men from hair was neatly brushed down on the wards as in a public meeting where sides of her wrinkled forehead, and not more than two hundred cut of the black silk gown folded so gracesixteen hundred voters are present. fully about her was full of lustre, brand new and evidently expensive. There were ten hacks for friends of Novelties and Staples, all more or less no doubt be four wards, with two tha family, and the hearse was driven councilmen from each ward. These by a man in livery and had eight

"How natural she looked, and what a lovely funeral!" said a woman who had known the family.

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She lay in her lonely coffin,

blind votary to it in death.'

With her wasted fingers pressed Over the fair, full roses They had placed upon her breast And the head that ached no longer

ignores fashion in life, and falls a

And the pitiful haggard face, .. They had pillowed with gleaming satiu, And shaded with costly lace. Then I said, and my heart was heavy

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